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AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action dated May 24, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claims 15, 30, 35, 37 and 40 as follows:

A 3-position substituted pyridinium (Amended) derivative compound represented by the formula:

$$(Z)_{m} \xrightarrow{Q} O-C-N \xrightarrow{R^{1}} R^{2}$$

wherein R1 is -H, lower alkyl, alkenyl, aryl, aralkyl, cycloalkyl, cycloalkylalkyl,